

about a mile on the road from Quatre Bras towards Krasnea. This favored an attack on the right of the British position which Marshal Ney directed to be made after having been repulsed on the left. At this critical moment, when the French had nearly succeeded in establishing their line, troops on the great road of Nivelles, the division of Guards under General Uooke, amounting to 4000 men, accompanied by two field-batteries, arrived, after a fatiguing march, from Knghien, and essentially contributed to repel this attack. Exhausted as the men were from their long march, they were, nevertheless, instantly led into action. The second and third battalions of the First Guards formed lines and with loud cheers entered the wood, which they cleared of the French in a few minutes. Their order, however, was necessarily broken by the irregularity of the ground, and on emerging from the wood they found themselves directly opposed to a line of French infantry prepared to receive them. Rushing forward without waiting to form in line, they succeeded in driving the French up the rising ground before them. During this contest the artillery of both armies kept up an incessant and destructive cannonade. By a rapid charge of cavalry the French endeavored to cover their retreating infantry, whilst the Guards still remained unsupported and in some disorder. General Maitland therefore directed them to retreat into the wood, as all attempts to form squares appeared to be hopeless. Here they formed, and under its cover opened a most galling fire, on the French cavalry, which was compelled to fall back with great loss. This content was renewed several times. Day was now drawing to a close, and Marshal Ney, having been foiled in all his efforts, retired to his heights before Frasnea, leaving Quatre Bras in possession of the

To the Duke of Wellington it has been imputed as a fault on this occasion that there was not sufficient cavalry and artillery at Quatre Bras. It is remarkable that no portion of either was with the reserve at Bantselet, though 10000 to the Allied army was very severe, amounting to 1/3 among

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